

for the last several years

(b) the steps the Government propose to take for repairing and recommissioning of these units,

(c) whether approval and funding arrangements have been made by the Government and

(d) if so the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) (a) Yes Sir Units I & II of Durgapur Thermal Power Station of Damodar Valley Corporation have been out of commission since 23rd October 1985 when these were damaged in a fire accident

(b) A feasibility report has been prepared for rehabilitation of the Units on turn key basis

(c) and (d) No Sir

[English]

Collaboration with Kawasaki Steel Corporation

6115 **SHRISANAT KUMAR MANDAI** Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state

(a) whether a leading Japanese conglomerate Kawasaki Steel Corporation has shown interest in joining hands with Indian companies

(b) if so whether this company has come forward with a new process for iron making and

(c) if so, the salient features thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) (a) No such proposal has been received by Government

(b) and (c) Do not arise

Air Travel Facilities

6116 **SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT** Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state

(a) whether there is need for increasing aircraft fleet for the existing domestic air routes as well as for the proposed feeder services in the country and

(b) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken for providing more air facilities in the country?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) (a) Yes Sir

(b) The fleet of India Airlines is being augmented with induction of 12 Airbus A 320 aircraft during 1993 and 1994. Also, Air taxi operators are free to operate to all airports open to scheduled operations in the country

Accumulation of Different Types of Iron and Steel

6117 **SHRI B. DEVARAJAN** Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state

(a) whether any study regarding large accumulation of different types of iron and steel at different steel plants has been made

(b) if so the quantities accumulated item wise

(c) the reasons therefor and the amount involved in these accumulations, and

(d) the loss suffered because of these accumulations by way of interest alone?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No specific study has been made regarding large accumulation of different types of iron and steel at different steel plants.

(b) to (d). The average stock-holding of iron and steel at SAIL plants has been within limits and on an average the ratio of stock holding in SAIL plants to their total despatches in 1991-92 works out to 2.8% only.

Pottam Power Project

6118. SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Pottam Power Project in Orissa is being implemented since 1987;

(b) if so, the total amount involved therein;

(c) the total irrigation potential to be created after its completion; and

(d) the time by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI

KALP NATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir. The Pottery Hydro-electric Project of Government of Orissa was sanctioned by the Planning Commission in April, 1987.

(b) The latest estimated cost of this Power Project as indicated by Government of Orissa is Rs. 13.64 cores.

(c) The total irrigation potential to be created after completion of the Pottery Irrigation Project is 1.0988 lakh ha.

(d) The Power project is likely to be commissioned in 1994-95. The Irrigation Project is likely to be completed in VIII Plan, subject to availability of funds.

Capacity Utilisation by SAIL

6119. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of capacity utilisation of the steel Authority of India Limited by the end of March, 1991, plant-wise; and

(b) the reasons for the high cost of production and low qualities of steel produced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Crude Steel capacity utilisation of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has been improving. Details are given below.

Plants	March, 1991	March, 1992
Bhilai Steel Plant	88%	94%
Durgapur Steel Plant	76%	76%
Rourkela Steel Plant	86%	85%